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SUBJECT: INDO-US JOINT SUBCOMMISSION ON S&T: PROPOSALS

REFS: A. DELHI 16926. B. DELHI 16927.

1. DR. NAG CHAUDHURI CALLED A MEETING OF THE INDIAN S&T SUBCOMMISSION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, TO REVIEW THE SEVENTEEN PRIORITY PROJECT PROPOSALS REFTEL A.

2. ACCORDING TO DESHPANDE, DOST, TEN PROPOSALS OUT OF THE SEVENTEEN WERE READY AND WERE DISCUSSED BY SUBCOMMISSION. MOST WERE JUDGED NOT IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL FOR USG REVIEW AND ARE BEING REVISED. SEVEN PROJECTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY DOST FROM MINISTRIES. APPARENTLY, NAG CHAUDHURI WAS QUITE FIRM WITH SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS AND INDICATED THIS WAS A GOI PRIORITY PROGRAM AND HE WANTED THESE PROPOSALS IN SHAPE BY THE FIRST PART OF THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 22).

3. NAG CHAUDHURI TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER ON SATURDAY THAT AS REVISED PROPOSALS ARE RECEIVED BY DOST THEY WILL BE FORWARDED

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TO ANANDKRISHNAN AT INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR

USG REVIEW, AND A COPY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY. HE FEELS THAT ALL SEVENTEEN PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH WASHINGTON BEFORE JANUARY 1.

4. BEGIN COMMENT: THIS SCHEDULE SEEMS FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC SINCE THE HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND REMOTE SENSING PROPOSALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO DOST. HOWEVER, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM HIGH GOI LEVELS FOR THE DOST TO PRODUCE CONCRETE PROPOSALS AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM DOST. END COMMENT.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NAME OF INDIVIDUAL ACTING AS FOCAL POINT FOR S&T SUB-COMMISSION IN OES SINCE RICHMOND IS LEAVING. ALSO NAMES OF AMERICAN S&T SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING IN DELHI.

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